

## WHAT ALBERTUS VOGT SAYS.

Editor of the Kick Column:

For years I've been reading The Metropolis, and admired its spirit of fearless fairness. Recently you had the following in The Metropolis:

"From the way the average news papers treat Albertus Vogt's last discovery of phosphate beds in South Florida, it would seem as if they were either doubtful or that the bottom has fallen out of such booms. Some of the sickest men in this country are those who got caught in the first phosphate discovery ten years ago. There was more boom than cash in it."

There is no phosphate boom in Pasco county. Nor is there any purpose on my part to create one. The deposits recently found in Pasco county by myself are on the lands of an individual amply able, financially, to mine them without outside assistance. No stock company is to be formed. No stock consequently will, or can be offered, to the public. Barring the holdings of Capt. W. J. Hillman in that county and some United States government lands, I do not know of a single deposit that can be had at any price. Nor do I know if Capt. Hillman will sell his lands. It is certainly no purpose of mine to buy or exploit them. In speaking of the experiences of some people in the phosphate boom of ten, or to be more exact, twelve years ago, you must admit that I was instrumental in promoting the Dunnellon Phosphate Company, one of the very best mining propositions and paying properties on this continent, with not a single share of stock on the market or for sale at any price. You must also know too, that the Camps, mining phosphate in this hard-rock district, have made millions of dollars. I am reliably informed that J. Buttgenbach & Co. made a profit of \$752,000 mining here last year. You must know, too, that the Duttons have at least made enough money to buy out Ford & Hiller for, say \$300,000, this sum being practically velvet for the latter-named gentlemen. You must also know that Mr. Edward Holder enjoys an annual income of a minimum of \$20,000 from a forty-acre tract of land that cost him but \$10,000 to buy. For my own part my brother and I sold our holdings in the Dunnellon Phosphate Company for about \$200,000 in cash.

I had nothing to do with the promoting of the "Stonewall," the "Globe," nor of the Ocala and Blue River Companies, nor has any man ever lost a single dollar by any company I have ever promoted. You and many other people will live to see big-paying oil wells in Florida. I have tried to promote the boring of them. I am giving every day of my life to the finding and development of every possible resource of Florida. I have one of the best and truest of American wives, and a little son that I idolize. It is my duty to make and keep them comfortable. Please be fair and help me to do it.—Albertus Vogt in Jacksonville Metropolis.

## Traveling is Dangerous.

Constant motion jars the kidneys which are kept in place in the body by delicate attachments. This is the reason that travelers, trainmen, street car men, teamsters and all who drive very much, suffer from kidney disease in some form. Foley's Kidney Cure strengthens the kidneys and cures all forms of kidney and bladder disease. Geo. E. Hausan, locomotive engineer, Lima, O., writes, "Constant vibration of the engine caused me a great deal of trouble with my kidneys, and I got no relief until I used Foley's Kidney Cure." For sale at Post Office Drug Store.

## Getting Rich in Cuba.

Capt. L. M. Thayer, formerly of this city, places us under obligations to him for a copy of the Havana Post of May 24.

It is the anniversary number of Cuban independence.

The Post says the Cuban people are contented, prosperous and happy, and we are pleased to note that Capt. Thayer is a partaker of the prosperity that is overtaking the island.

The Captain is in the real estate business and is selling lands like watermelons at a negro picnic in Florida on a hot day in July.

As soon as he becomes a millionaire we hope he will return to the states.

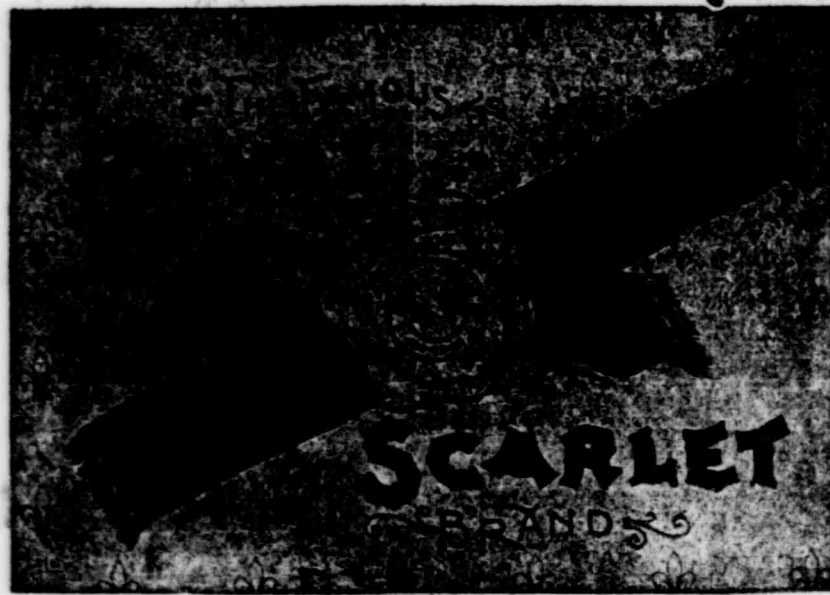
## A Sure Thing.

It is said that nothing is sure except death and taxes, but that is not altogether true. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is a sure cure for all lung and throat troubles. Thousands can testify to that. Mrs. C. B. VanMetre of Shepherds town, W. Va., says: "I had a severe case of Bronchitis and for a year tried everything I heard of but got no relief. One bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery then cured me absolutely." It's infallible for croup, Whooping Cough, Grip, Pneumonia and Consumption. Try it. It's guaranteed by the Anti-Monopoly Drug Store & Tydings & Co. Druggists. Trial bottle free. Reg. size 50c, and \$1.00.

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